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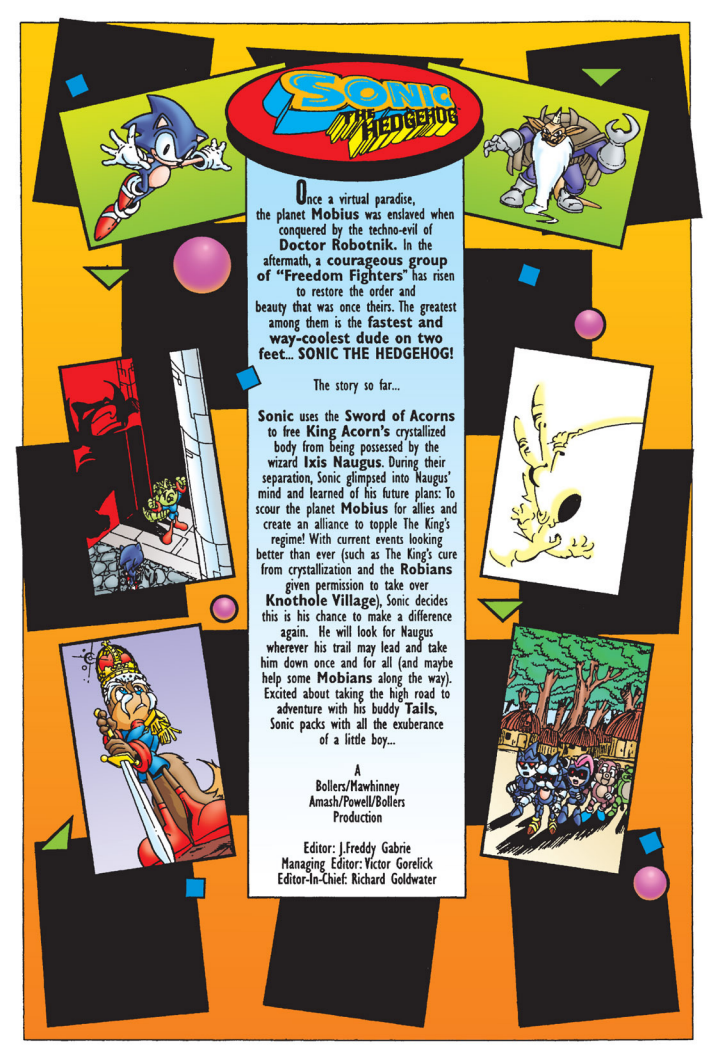
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
Once a virtual paradise, the planet Mobius was enslaved when conquered by the techno-evil of Doctor Robotnik. In the aftermath, a courageous group of "Freedom Fighters" has risen to restore the order and beauty that was once theirs. The greatest among them is the fastest and way-coolest dude on two feet... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
The story so far...
Sonic uses the Sword of Acorns to free King Acorn's crystallized body from being possessed by the wizard Ixis Naugus. During their separation, Sonic glimpsed into Naugus' mind and learned of his future plans: To scour the planet Mobius for allies and create an alliance to topple The King's regime! With current events looking better than ever (such as The King's cure from crystallization and the Robians given permission to take over Knothole Village), Sonic decides this is his chance to make a difference again. He will look for Naugus wherever his trail may lead and take him down once and for all (and maybe help some Mobians along the way). Excited about taking the high road to adventure with his buddy Tails, Sonic packs with all the exuberance of a little boy...
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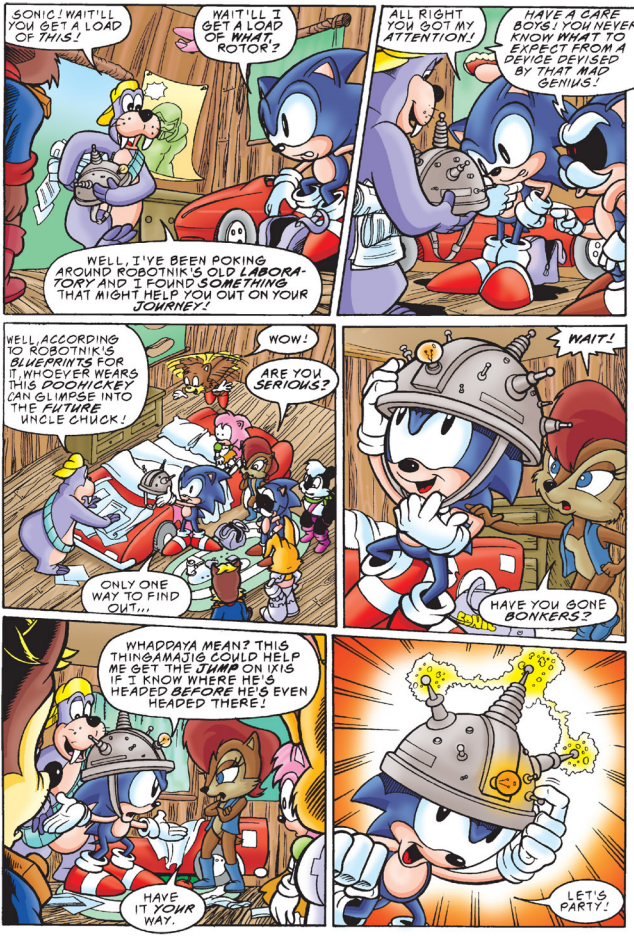
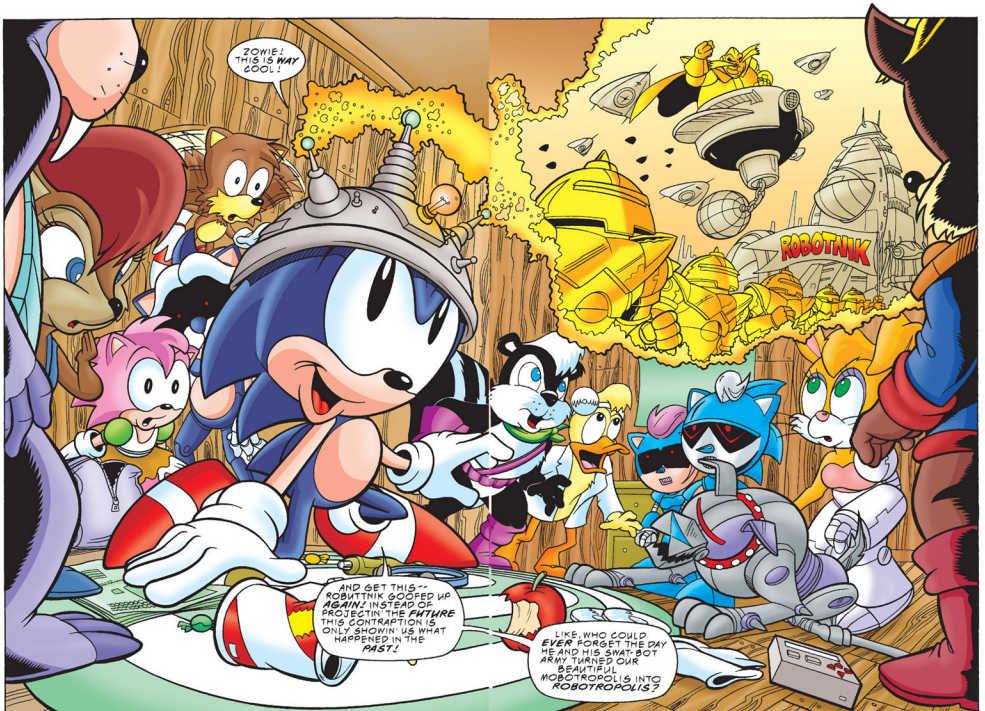
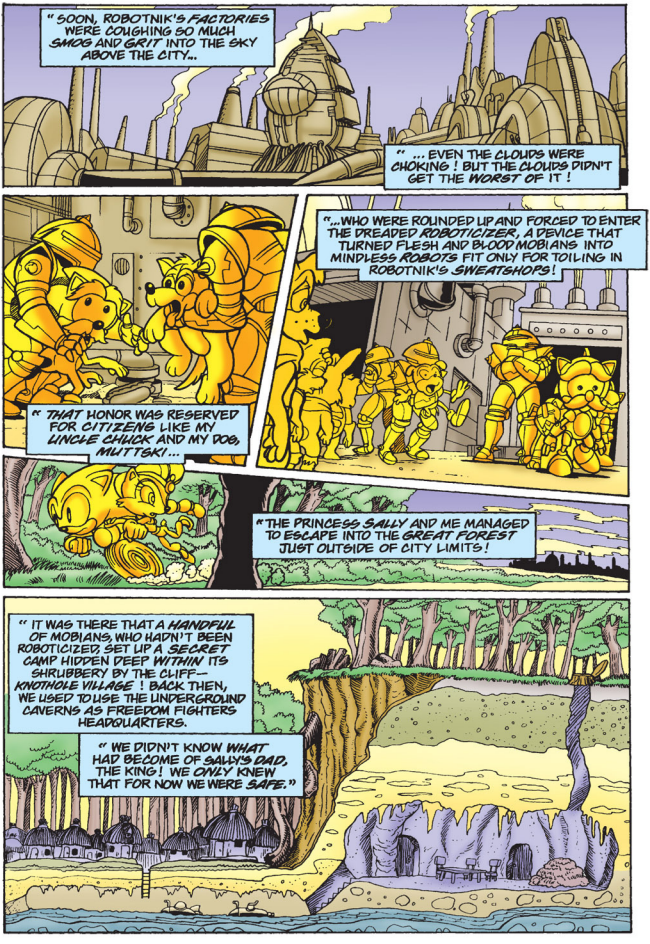
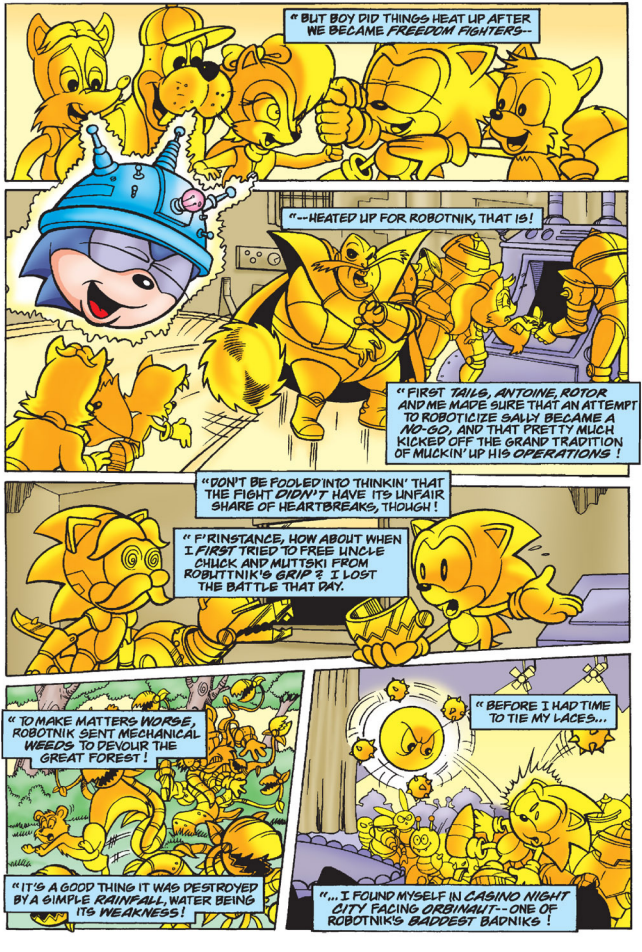
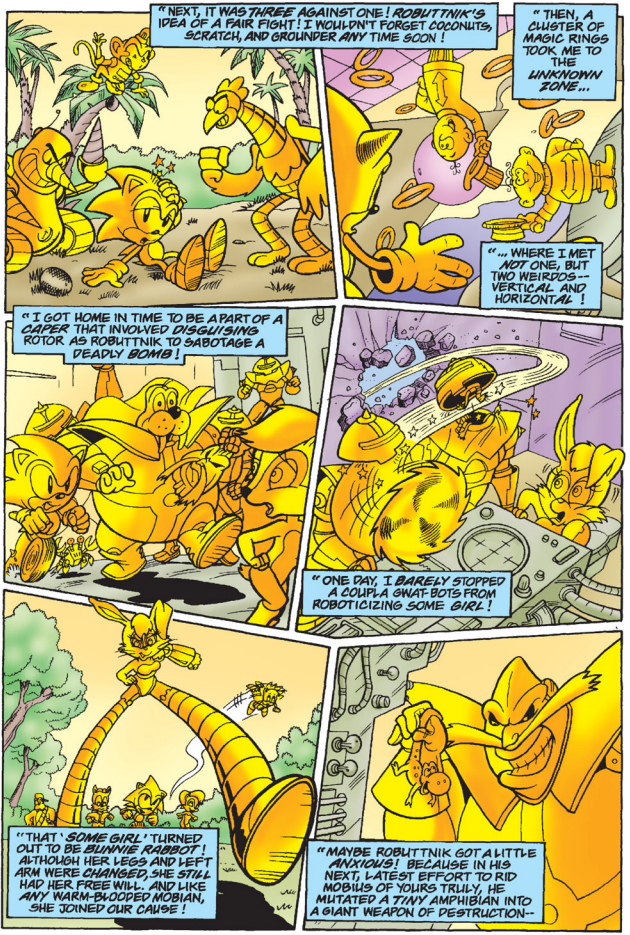
...or the history device
WE STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT, SONIC! YOU AND TAILS ARE ACTUALLY LEAVING MOBOTROPOLIS TO FIND THE EVIL SORCERER IXIS NAWGUS!
SONIC
FINDING HIM SHOULD BE A BREEZE, PRINCESS SALLY! KICKIN' HIS BUTT IS GONNA BE A LOT TOUGHER! IT'S HARD TO LAY A HAND ON A GUY WHO CASTS MAGICAL SPELLS FOR A LIVING!
THE LAST TIME HE TRIED TO TAKE OVER THE KINGDOM, HE TOOK POSSESSION OF YOUR FATHER KING ACORN AND NEARLY STARTED A CIVIL WAR!* THAT LOONEY ALMOST PUTS ROBOTNIK TO SHAME!
* BE SURE TO CHECK OUT SONIC SELECTS #3 FOR THE FULL SCOOP! - EDITOR

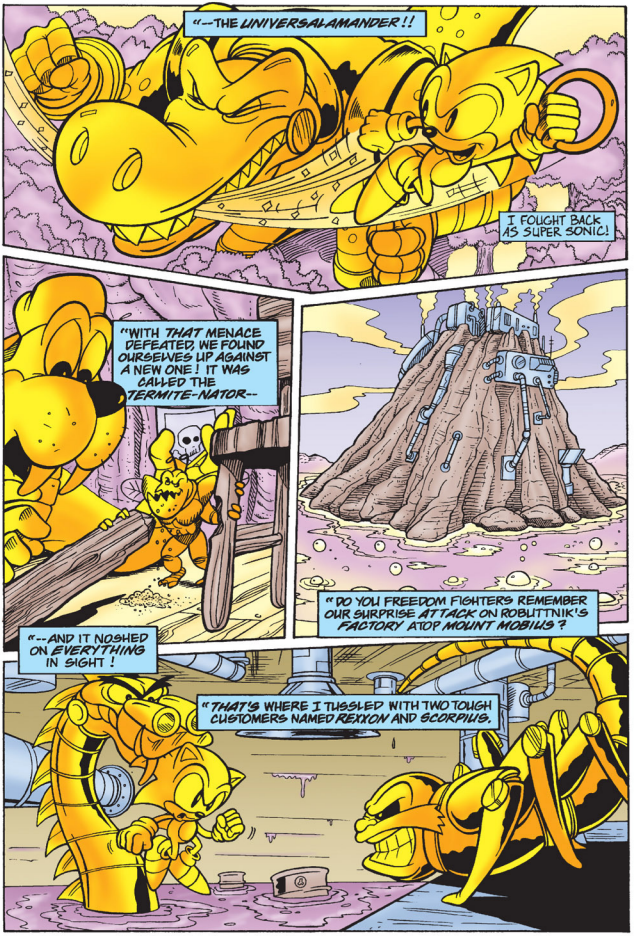

SONIC! WAIT'LL YOU GET A LOAD OF THIS!
WAIT'LL I GET A LOAD OF WHAT ROTOR?
WELL, I'VE BEEN POKING AROUND ROBOTNIK'S OLD LABORATORY AND I FOUND SOMETHING THAT MIGHT HELP YOU OUT ON YOUR JOURNEY!
ALL RIGHT YOU GOT MY ATTENTION.!
HAVE A CARE BOYS! YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT FROM A DEVICE DEVISED BY THAT MAD GENIUS!
WELL, ACCORDING TO ROBOTNIK'S BLUEPRINTS FOR IT, WHOEVER WEARS THIS DOOHICKEY CAN GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE UNCLE CHUCK!
WOW!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT...
WAIT!
HAVE YOU GONE BONKERS?
WHADDAYA MEAN? THIS THINGAMAJIG COULD HELP ME GET THE JUMP ON IXIS IF I KNOW WHERE HE'S HEADED BEFORE HE'S EVEN HEADED THERE!
HAVE IT YOUR WAY.
LET'S PARTY!

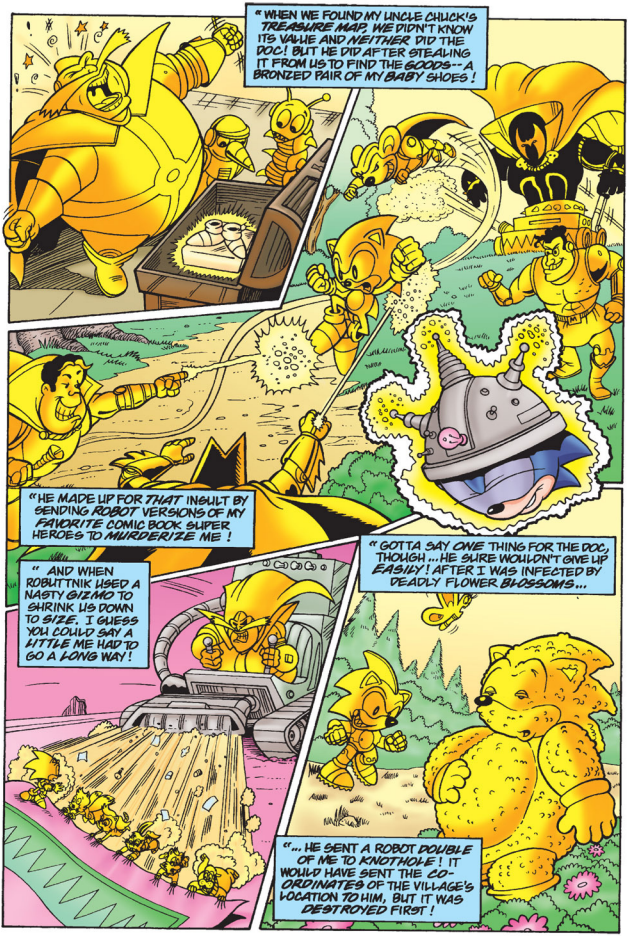

ZOWIE! THIS IS WAY COOL!
AND GET THIS-- ROBUTTNIK GOOFED UP AGAIN! INSTEAD OF PROJECTIN' THE FUTURE THIS CONTRAPTION IS ONLY SHOWIN' US WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST!
LIKE, WHO COULD EVER FORGET THE DAY ME AND HIS SWAT-BOT ARMY TURNED OUR BEAUTIFUL MOBOTROPOLIS INTO ROBOTROPOLIS?
ROBOTNIK
WOW!

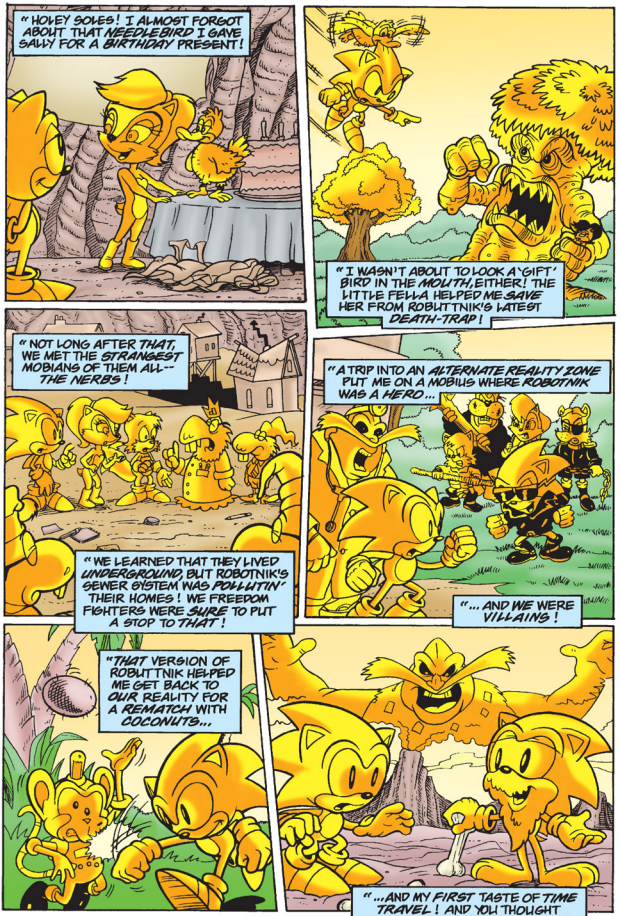

"SOON, ROBOTNIK'S FACTORIES WERE COUGHING SO MUCH SMOG AND GRIT INTO THE SKY ABOVE THE CITY..
"... EVEN THE CLOUDS WERE CHOKING! BUT THE CLOUDS DIDN'T GET THE WORST OF IT!
"...WHO WERE ROUNDED UP AND FORCED TO ENTER THE DREADED ROBOTICIZER, A DEVICE THAT TURNED FLESH AND BLOOD MOBIANS INTO MINDLESS ROBOTS FIT ONLY FOR TOILING IN ROBOTNIK'S SWEATSHOPS!
"THAT HONOR WAS RESERVED FOR CITIZENS LIKE MY UNCLE CHUCK AND MY DOG, MUTTSKI...
"THE PRINCESS SALLY AND ME MANAGED TO ESCAPE INTO THE GREAT FOREST JUST OUTSIDE OF CITY LIMITS!
"IT WAS THERE THAT A HANDFUL OF MOBIANS, WHO HADN'T BEEN ROBOTICIZED, SET UP A SECRET CAMP HIDDEN DEEP WITHIN ITS SHRUBBERY BY THE CLIFF— KNOTHOLE VILLAGE! BACK THEN, WE USED TO USE THE UNDERGROUND CAVERNS AS FREEDOM FIGHTERS HEADQUARTERS.
"WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HAD BECOME OF SALLY'S DAD, THE KING! WE ONLY KNEW THAT FOR NOW WE WERE SAFE."

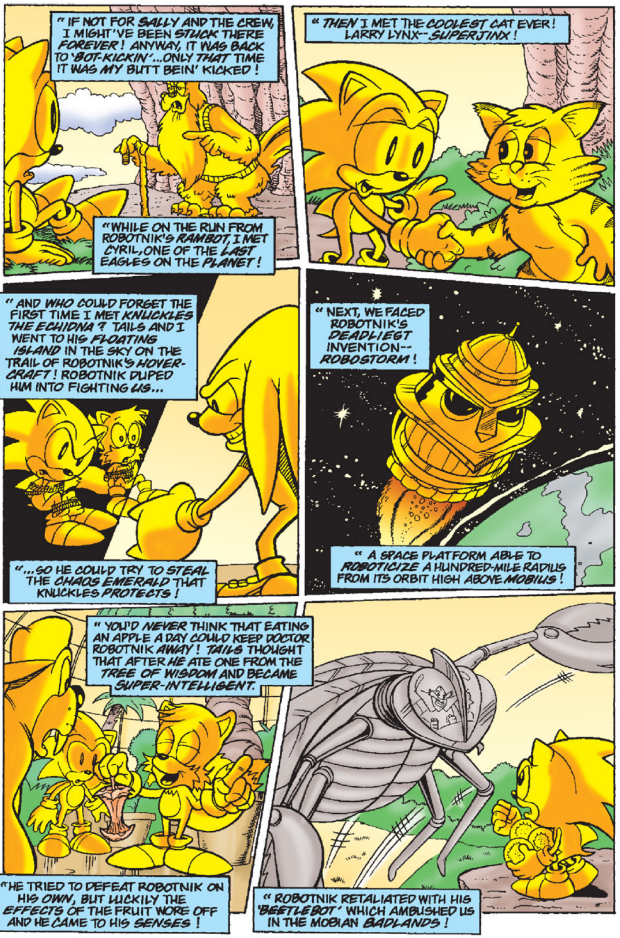

"BUT BOY DID THINGS HEAT UP AFTER WE BECAME FREEDOM FIGHTERS--
"--HEATED UP FOR ROBOTNIK, THAT IS!
"FIRST TAILS, ANTOINE, ROTOR AND ME MADE SURE THAT AN ATTEMPT TO ROBOTICIZE SALLY BECAME A NO-GO, AND THAT PRETTY MUCH KICKED OFF THE GRAND TRADITION OF MUCKIN' UP HIS OPERATIONS!
"DON'T BE FOOLED INTO THINKIN' THAT THE FIGHT DIDN'T HAVE ITS UNFAIR SHARE OF HEARTBREAKS, THOUGH!
"F'RINSTANCE, HOW ABOUT WHEN I FIRST TRIED TO FREE UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI FROM ROBUTTNIK'S GRIP? I LOST THE BATTLE THAT DAY.
"TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, ROBOTNIK SENT MECHANICAL WEEDS TO DEVOUR THE GREAT FOREST!
"IT'S A GOOD THING IT WAS DESTROYED BY A SIMPLE RAINFALL, WATER BEING ITS WEAKNESS!
"BEFORE I HAD TIME TO TIE MY LACES...
"...I FOUND MYSELF IN CASINO NIGHT CITY FACING ORBINAUT--ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S BADDEST BADNIKS!

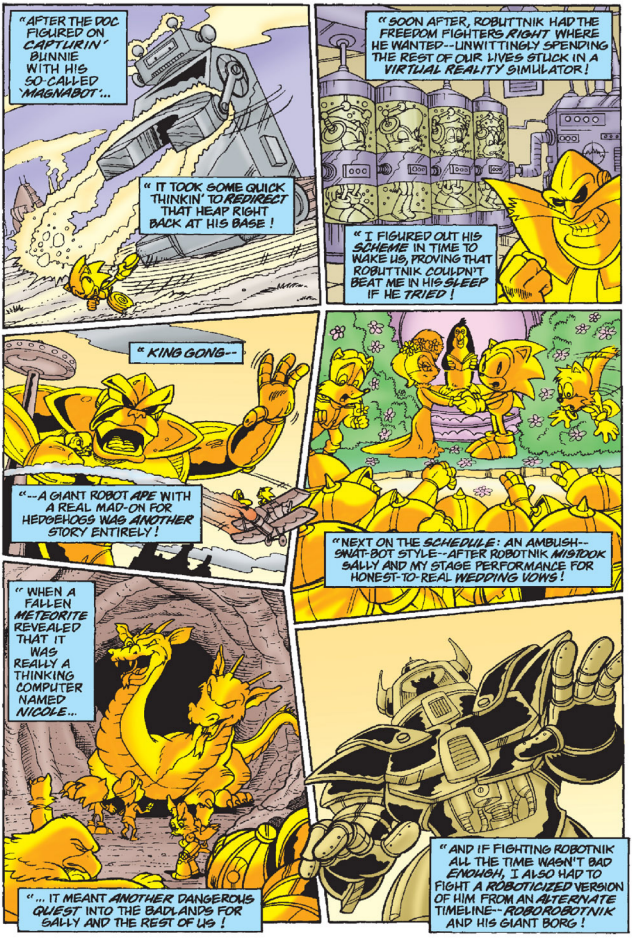

"NEXT, IT WAS THREE AGAINST ONE! ROBUTTNIK'S IDEA OF A FAIR FIGHT! I WOULDN'T FORGET COCONUTS, SCRATCH, AND GROUNDER ANY TIME SOON!
"THEN, A CLUSTER OF MAGIC RINGS TOOK ME TO THE UNKNOWN ZONE...
"... WHERE I MET NOT ONE, BUT TWO WEIRDOS -- VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL!
"I GOT HOME IN TIME TO BE A PART OF A CAPER THAT INVOLVED DISGUISING ROTOR AS ROBUTTNIK TO SABOTAGE A DEADLY BOMB!
"ONE DAY, I BARELY STOPPED A COUP...A GWAT-BOTS FROM ROBOTICIZING SOME GIRL!
"THAT 'SOME GIRL' TURNED OUT TO BE BUNNIE RABBOT! ALTHOUGH HER LEGS AND LEFT ARM WERE CHANGED, SHE STILL HAD HER FREE WILL. AND LIKE ANY WARM-BLOODED MOBIAN, SHE JOINED OUR CAUSE!
"MAYBE ROBUTTNIK GOT A LITTLE ANXIOUS! BECAUSE IN HIS NEXT, LATEST EFFORT TO RID MOBIUS OF YOURS TRULY, HE MUTATED A TINY AMPHIBIAN INTO A GIANT WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION--

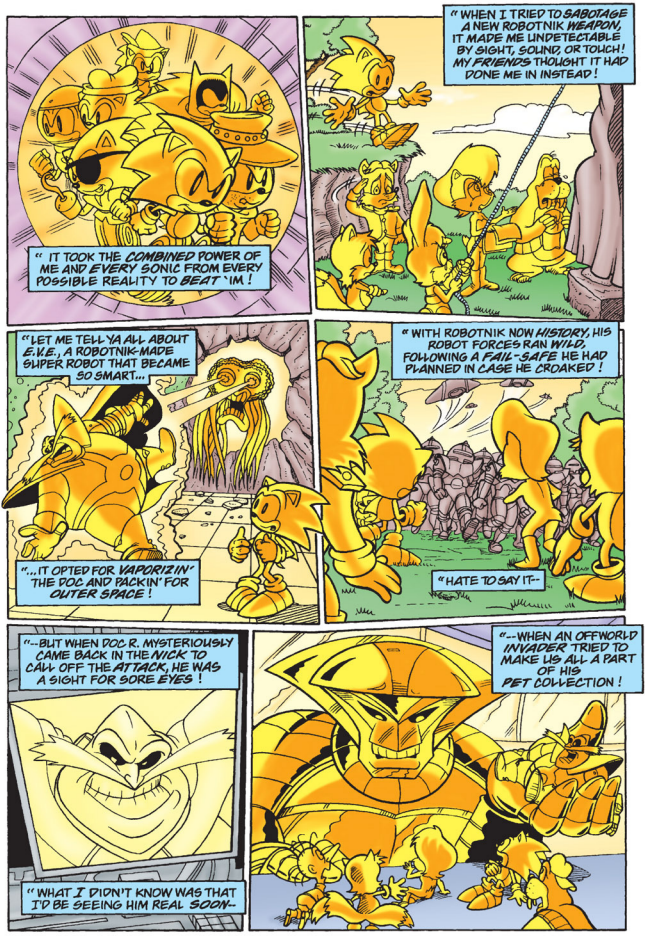

"--THE UNIVERSAL-AMANDER!!
I FOUGHT BACK AS SUPER SONIC!
"WITH THAT MENACE DEFEATED, WE FOUND OURSELVES UP AGAINST A NEW ONE! IT WAS CALLED THE TERMITE-NATOR--
"DO YOU FREEDOM FIGHTERS REMEMBER OUR SURPRISE ATTACK ON ROBUTTNIK'S FACTORY ATOP MOUNT MOBIUS?
"--AND IT NOSHED ON EVERYTHING IN SIGHT!
"THAT'S WHERE I TUSSLED WITH TWO TOUGH CUSTOMERS NAMED REXXON AND SCORPIUS.

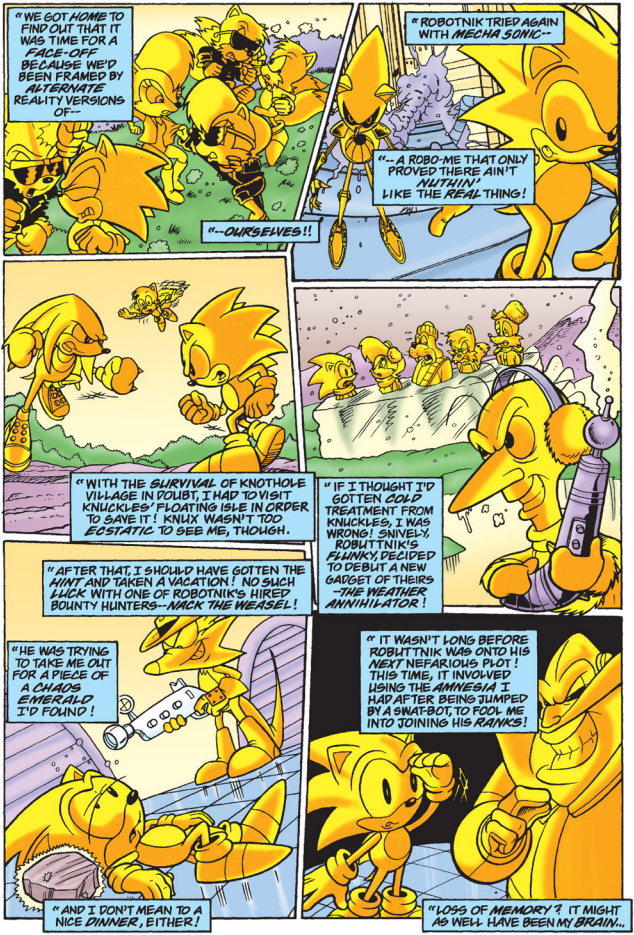

" WHEN WE FOUND MY UNCLE CHUCK'S TREASURE MAP, WE DIDN'T KNOW ITS VALUE AND NEITHER DID THE DOC! BUT HE DID AFTER STEALING IT FROM US TO FIND THE GOODS--A BRONZED PAIR OF MY BABY SHOES!
"HE MADE UP FOR THAT INSULT BY SENDING ROBOT VERSIONS OF MY FAVORITE COMIC BOOK SUPER HEROES TO MURDERIZE ME!
" AND WHEN ROBUTTNIK USED A NASTY GIZMO TO SHRINK US DOWN TO SIZE, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY A LITTLE ME HAD TO GO A LONG WAY!
" GOTTA SAY ONE THING FOR THE DOC, THOUGH... HE SURE WOULDN'T GIVE UP EASILY! AFTER I WAS INFECTED BY DEADLY FLOWER BLOSSOMS...
"... HE SENT A ROBOT DOUBLE OF ME TO KNOTHOLE! IT WOULD HAVE SENT THE CO-ORDINATES OF THE VILLAGE'S LOCATION TO HIM, BUT IT WAS DESTROYED FIRST!

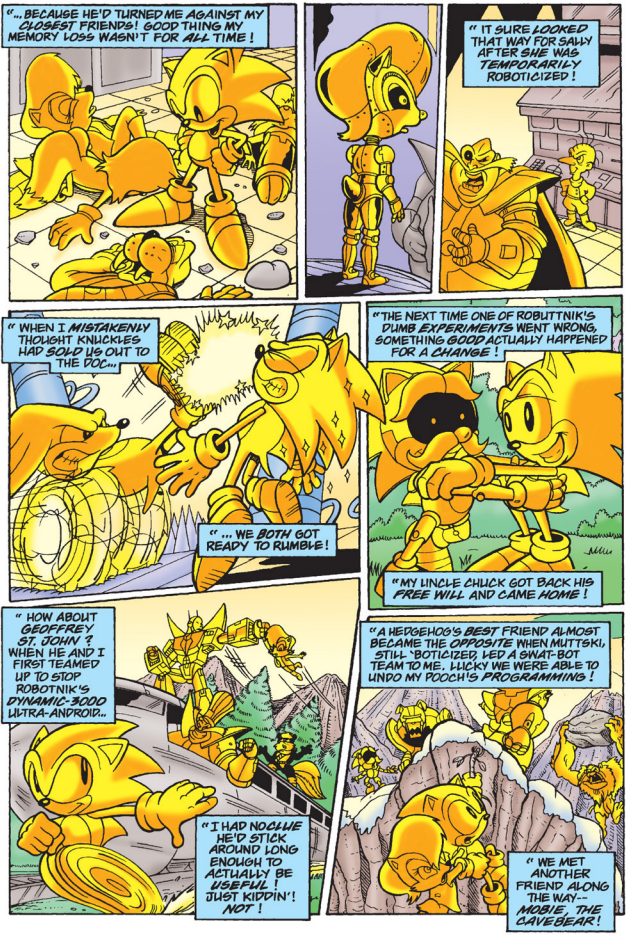

"HOLEY SOLES! I ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT THAT NEEDLEBIRD I GAVE SALLY FOR A BIRTHDAY PRESENT!
"I WASN'T ABOUT TO LOOK A 'GIFT' BIRD IN THE MOUTH, EITHER! THE LITTLE FELLA HELPED ME SAVE HER FROM ROBUTTNIK'S LATEST DEATH-TRAP!
"NOT LONG AFTER THAT, WE MET THE STRANGEST MOBIANS OF THEM ALL-- THE NERBS!
"A TRIP INTO AN ALTERNATE REALITY ZONE PUT ME ON A MOBIUS WHERE ROBOTNIK WAS A HERO...
"WE LEARNED THAT THEY LIVED UNDERGROUND, BUT ROBOTNIK'S SEWER SYSTEM WAS POLLUTIN' THEIR HOMES! WE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WERE SURE TO PUT A STOP TO THAT!
"...AND WE WERE VILLAINS!
"THAT VERSION OF ROBUTTNIK HELPED ME GET BACK TO OUR REALITY FOR A REMATCH WITH COCONUTS...
"...AND MY FIRST TASTE OF TIME TRAVEL! AND YOU THOUGHT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS WAS BAD!

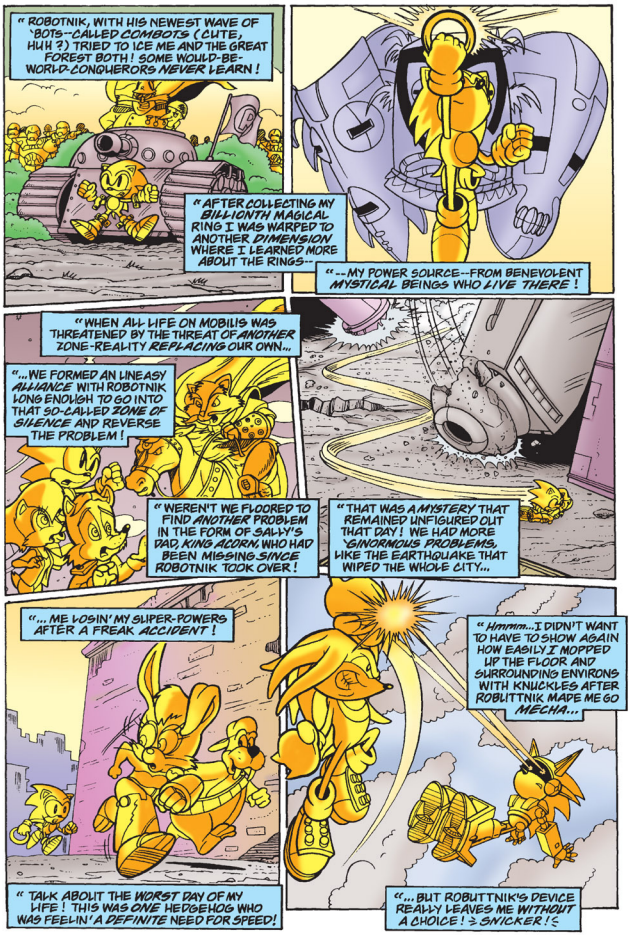

" IF NOT FOR SALLY AND THE CREW, I MIGHT'VE BEEN STUCK THERE FOREVER! ANYWAY, IT WAS BACK TO 'BOT-KICKIN'...ONLY THAT TIME IT WAS MY BUTT BEIN' KICKED!
"WHILE ON THE RUN FROM ROBOTNIK'S RAMBOT, I MET CYRIL, ONE OF THE LAST EAGLES ON THE PLANET!
" THEN I MET THE COOLEST CAT EVER! LARRY LYNX--SUPERJINX!
" AND WHO COULD FORGET THE FIRST TIME I MET KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA? TAILS AND I WENT TO HIS FLOATING ISLAND IN THE SKY ON THE TRAIL OF ROBOTNIK'S HOVER-CRAFT! ROBOTNIK DUPED HUM INTO FIGHTING US...
"...SO HE COULD TRY TO STEAL THE CHAOS EMERALD THAT KNUCKLES PROTECTS!
" NEXT, WE FACED ROBOTNIK'S DEADLIEST INVENTION--ROBOSTORM!
" A SPACE PLATFORM ABLE TO ROBOTICIZE A HUNDRED-MILE RADIUS FROM ITS ORBIT HIGH ABOVE MOBIUS!
" YOU'D NEVER THINK THAT EATING AN APPLE A DAY COULD KEEP DOCTOR ROBOTNIK AWAY! TAILS THOUGHT THAT AFTER HE ATE ONE FROM THE TREE OF WISDOM AND BECAME SUPER-INTELLIGENT.
"HE TRIED TO DEFEAT ROBOTNIK ON HIS OWN, BUT LUCKILY THE EFFECTS OF THE FRUIT WORE OFF AND HE CAME TO HIS SENSES!
" ROBOTNIK RETALIATED WITH HIS 'BEETLEBOT' WHICH AMBUSHED US IN THE MOBIAN BADLANDS!

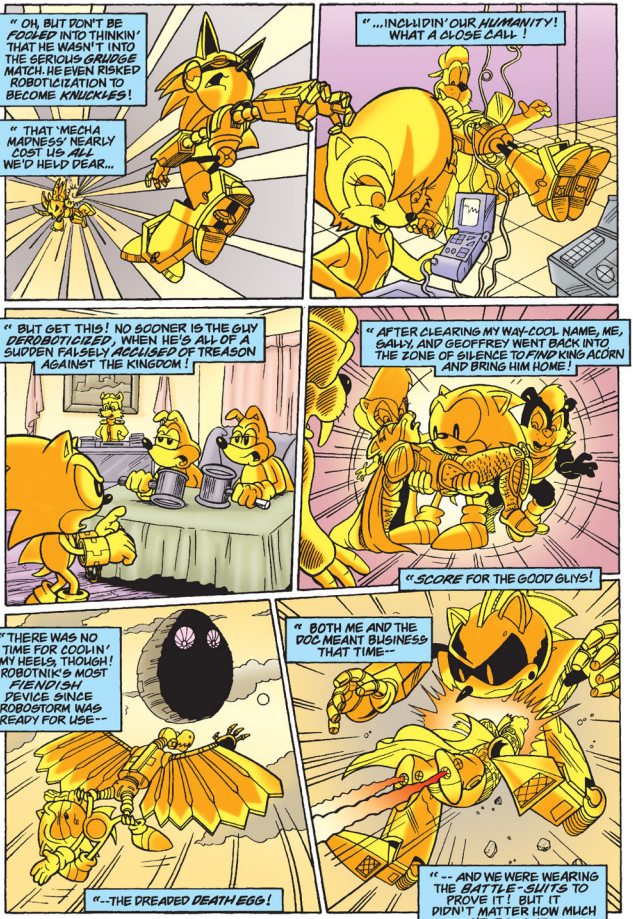

"AFTER THE DOC FIGURED ON CAPTURIN' BUNNIE WITH HIS SO-CALLED 'MAGNABOT'...
"IT TOOK SOME QUICK THINKIN' TO REDIRECT THAT HEAP RIGHT BACK AT HIS BASE!
"SOON AFTER, ROBUTTNIK HAD THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS RIGHT WHERE HE WANTED--UNWITTINGLY SPENDING THE REST OF OUR LIVES STUCK IN A VIRTUAL REALITY SIMULATOR!
"I FIGURED OUT HIS SCHEME IN TIME TO WAKE US, PROVING THAT ROBUTTNIK COULDN'T BEAT ME IN HIS SLEEP IF HE TRIED!
"KING GONG--
"--A GIANT ROBOT APE WITH A REAL MAD-ON FOR HEDGEHOGS WAS ANOTHER STORY ENTIRELY!
"NEXT ON THE SCHEDULE: AN AMBUSH--SNATCH-BOT STYLE--AFTER ROBOTNIK MISHOOK SALLY AND MY STAGE PERFORMANCE FOR HONEST-TO-REAL WEDDING VOWS!
"WHEN A FALLEN METEORITE REVEALED THAT IT WAS REALLY A THINKING COMPUTER NAMED NICOLE...
"... IT MEANT ANOTHER DANGEROUS QUEST INTO THE BADLANDS FOR SALLY AND THE REST OF US!
"AND IF FIGHTING ROBOTNIK ALL THE TIME WASN'T BAD ENOUGH, I ALSO HAD TO FIGHT A ROBOTICIZED VERSION OF HIM FROM AN ALTERNATE TIMELINE--ROBOROBOTNIK AND HIS GIANT BORG!

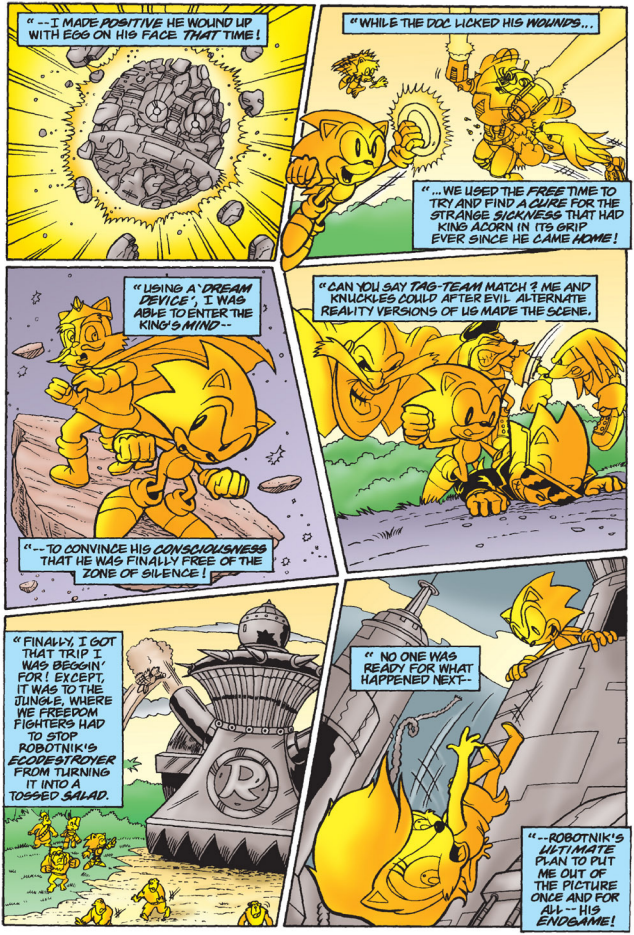

" IT TOOK THE COMBINED POWER OF ME AND EVERY SONIC FROM EVERY POSSIBLE REALITY TO BEAT 'IM !
" WHEN I TRIED TO SABOTAGE A NEW ROBOTNIK WEAPON, IT MADE ME UNDETECTABLE BY SIGHT, SOUND, OR TOUCH ! MY FRIENDS THOUGHT IT HAD DONE ME IN INSTEAD !
"LET ME TELL YA ALL ABOUT E.V.E., A ROBOTNIK-MADE SUPER ROBOT THAT BECAME SO SMART...
"...IT OPTED FOR VAPORIZIN' THE DOC AND PACKIN' FOR OUTER SPACE !
" WITH ROBOTNIK NOW HISTORY, HIS ROBOT FORCES RAN WILD. FOLLOWING A FAIL-SAFE HE HAD PLANNED IN CASE HE CROAKED !
" HATE TO SAY IT--
"--BUT WHEN DOC R. MYSTERIOUSLY CAME BACK IN THE NICK TO CALL OFF THE ATTACK, HE WAS A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES !
" WHAT I DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT I'D BE SEEING HIM REAL SOON-
"--WHEN AN OFFWORLD INVADER TRIED TO MAKE US ALL A PART OF HIS PET COLLECTION !

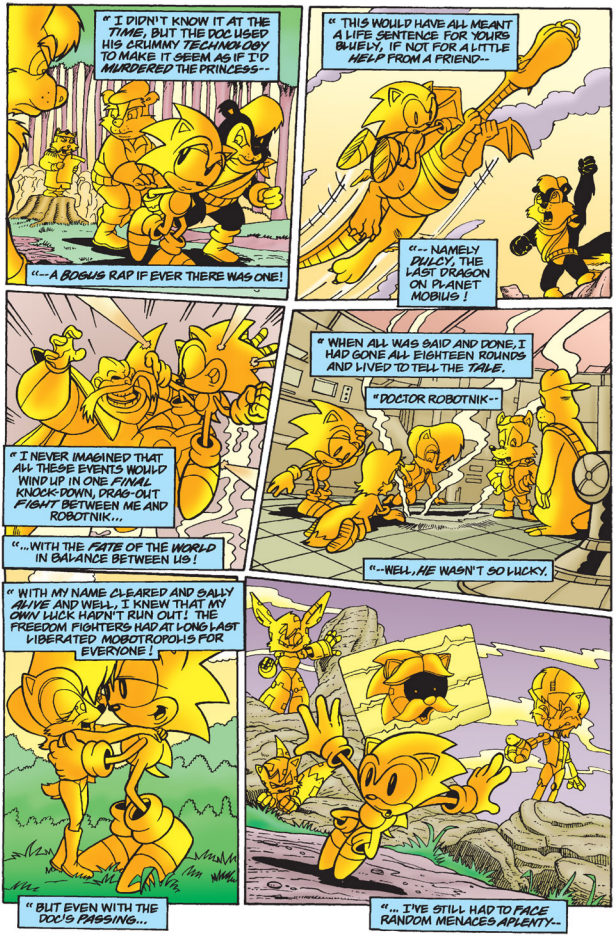

"WE GOT HOME TO FIND OUT THAT IT WAS TIME FOR A FACE-OFF BECAUSE WE'D BEEN FRAMED BY ALTERNATE REALITY VERSIONS OF--
"--OURSELVES!!
"ROBOTNIK TRIED AGAIN WITH MECHA SONIC--
"--A ROBO-ME THAT ONLY PROVED THERE AIN'T NUTHIN' LIKE THE REAL THING!
"WITH THE SURVIVAL OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE IN DOUBT, I HAD TO VISIT KNUCKLES' FLOATING ISLE IN ORDER TO SAVE IT! KNUX WASN'T TOO ECSTATIC TO SEE ME, THOUGH.
"IF I THOUGHT I'D GOTTEN COLD TREATMENT FROM KNUCKLES, I WAS WRONG! SNIVELY, ROBUTTNIK'S FLUNKY, DECIDED TO DEBUT A NEW GADGET OF THEIRS --THE WEATHER ANNIHILATOR!
"AFTER THAT, I SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN THE HINT AND TAKEN A VACATION! NO SUCH LUCK WITH ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S HIRED BOUNTY HUNTERS--NACK THE WEASEL!
"HE WAS TRYING TO TAKE ME OUT FOR A PIECE OF A CHAOS EMERALD I'D FOUND!
"AND I DON'T MEAN TO A NICE DINNER, EITHER!
"IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE ROBUTTNIK WAS ONTO HIS NEXT NEFARIOUS PLOT! THIS TIME, IT INVOLVED USING THE AMNESIA I HAD AFTER BEING JUMPED BY A SWAT-BOT, TO FOOL ME INTO JOINING HIS RANKS!
"LOSS OF MEMORY? IT MIGHT AS WELL HAVE BEEN MY BRAIN..

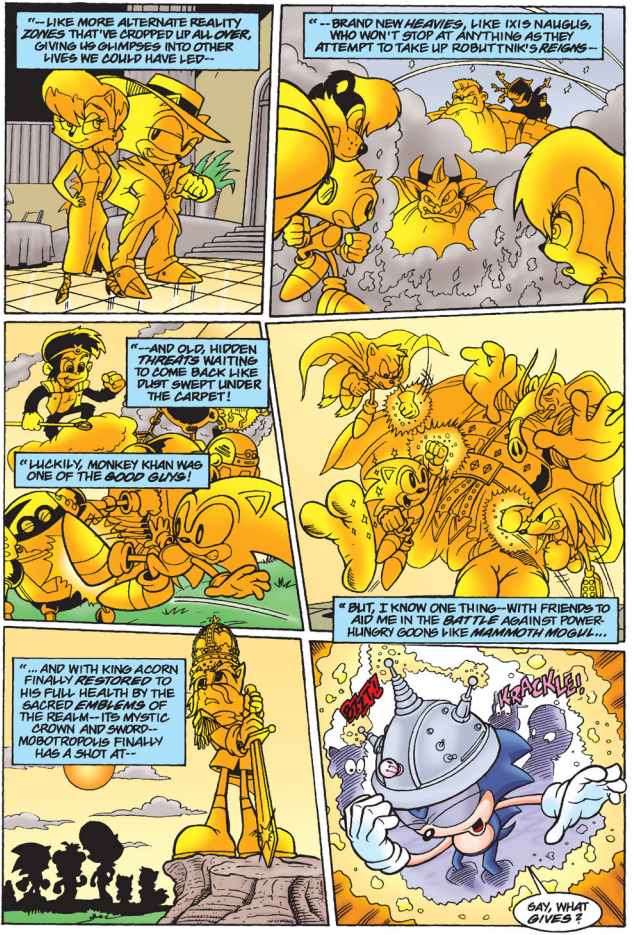

"... BECAUSE HE'D TURNED ME AGAINST MY CLOSEST FRIENDS! GOOD THING MY MEMORY LOSS WASN'T FOR ALL TIME!
"IT SURE LOOKED THAT WAY FOR SALLY AFTER SHE WAS TEMPORARILY ROBOTICIZED!
"WHEN I MISTAKENLY THOUGHT KNUCKLES HAD SOLD US OUT TO THE DOC...
"... WE BOTH GOT READY TO RUMBLE!
"THE NEXT TIME ONE OF ROBUTTNIK'S DUMB EXPERIMENTS WENT WRONG, SOMETHING GOOD ACTUALLY HAPPENED FOR A CHANGE!
"MY UNCLE CHUCK GOT BACK HIS FREE WILL AND CAME HOME!
"HOW ABOUT GEOFFREY ST. JOHN? WHEN HE AND I FIRST TEAMED UP TO STOP ROBOTNIK'S DYNAMIC-3000 ULTRA-ANDROID...
"I HAD NO CLUE HE'D STICK AROUND LONG ENOUGH TO ACTUALLY BE USEFUL! JUST KIDDIN'! NOT!
"A HEDGEHOG'S BEST FRIEND ALMOST BECAME THE OPPOSITE WHEN MUTTSKI, STILL 'BOTICIZED, LED A SWAT-BOT TEAM TO ME. LUCKY WE WERE ABLE TO UNDO MY POOCH'S PROGRAMMING!
"WE MET ANOTHER FRIEND ALONG THE WAY-- MOBIE, THE CAVE BEAR!

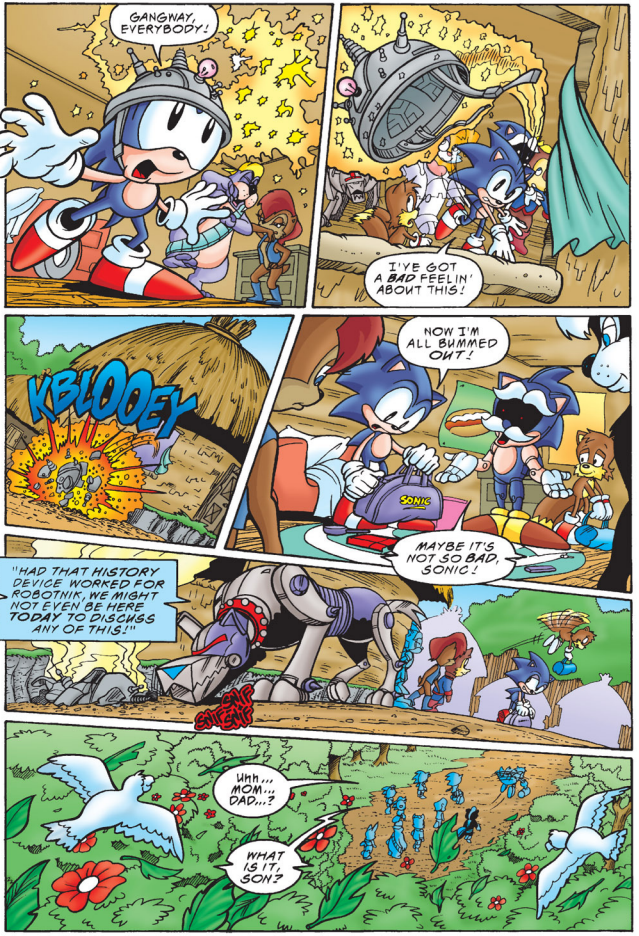

" ROBOTNIK, WITH HIS NEWEST WAVE OF 'BOTS--CALLED COMBOTS (CUTE, HUH ?) TRIED TO ICE ME AND THE GREAT FOREST BOTH ! SOME WOULD-BE-WORLD-CONQUERORS NEVER LEARN !
" AFTER COLLECTING MY BILLIONTH MAGICAL RING I WAS WARPED TO ANOTHER DIMENSION WHERE I LEARNED MORE ABOUT THE RINGS--
" --MY POWER SOURCE--FROM BENEVOLENT MYSTICAL BEINGS WHO LIVE THERE !
" WHEN ALL LIFE ON MOBIUS WAS THREATENED BY THE THREAT OF ANOTHER ZONE-REALITY REPLACING OUR OWN...
"...WE FORMED AN UNEASY ALLIANCE WITH ROBOTNIK LONG ENOUGH TO GO INTO THAT SO-CALLED ZONE OF SILENCE AND REVERSE THE PROBLEM !
" WEREN'T WE FLOORED TO FIND ANOTHER PROBLEM IN THE FORM OF SALLY'S DAD, KING ACORN, WHO HAD BEEN MISSING SINCE ROBOTNIK TOOK OVER !
" THAT WAS A MYSTERY THAT REMAINED UNFIGURED OUT THAT DAY ! WE HAD MORE 'GINORMOUS PROBLEMS, LIKE THE EARTHQUAKE THAT WIPED THE WHOLE CITY...
"... ME LOSIN' MY SUPER-POWERS AFTER A FREAK ACCIDENT !
" Hmmm...I DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE TO SHOW AGAIN HOW EASILY I MOPPED UP THE FLOOR AND SURROUNDING ENVIRONS WITH KNUCKLES AFTER ROBUTTNIK MADE ME GO MECHA...
" TALK ABOUT THE WORST DAY OF MY LIFE ! THIS WAS ONE HEDGEHOG WHO WAS FEELIN' A DEFINITE NEED FOR SPEED!
"... BUT ROBUTTNIK'S DEVICE REALLY LEAVES ME WITHOUT A CHOICE ! SNICKER !

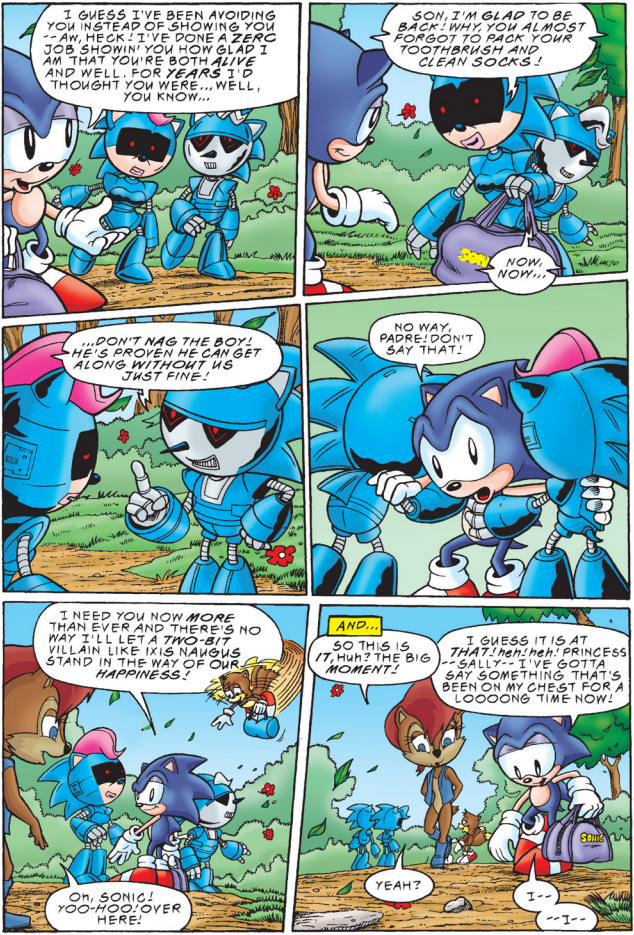

"OH, BUT DON'T BE FOOLED INTO THINKIN' THAT HE WASN'T INTO THE SERIOUS GRUDGE MATCH. HE EVEN RISKED ROBOTICIZATION TO BECOME KNUCKLES!
"THAT 'MECHA MADNESS' NEARLY COST US ALL WE'D HELD DEAR...
"...INCLUDIN' OUR HUMANITY! WHAT A CLOSE CALL!
"BUT GET THIS! NO SOONER IS THE GUY DEROBOTICIZED, WHEN HE'S ALL OF A SUDDEN FALSELY ACCUSED OF TREASON AGAINST THE KINGDOM!
"AFTER CLEARING MY WAY-COOL NAME, ME, SALLY, AND GEOFFREY WENT BACK INTO THE ZONE OF SILENCE TO FIND KING ACORN AND BRING HIM HOME!
"SCORE FOR THE GOOD GUYS!
"THERE WAS NO TIME FOR COOLIN' MY HEELS, THOUGH! ROBOTNIK'S MOST FIENDISH DEVICE SINCE ROBOSTORM WAS READY FOR USE--
"--THE DREADED DEATH EGG!
"BOTH ME AND THE DOC MEANT BUSINESS THAT TIME--
"-- AND WE WERE WEARING THE BATTLE-SUITS TO PROVE IT! BUT IT DIDN'T MATTER HOW MUCH HE FOUGHT--

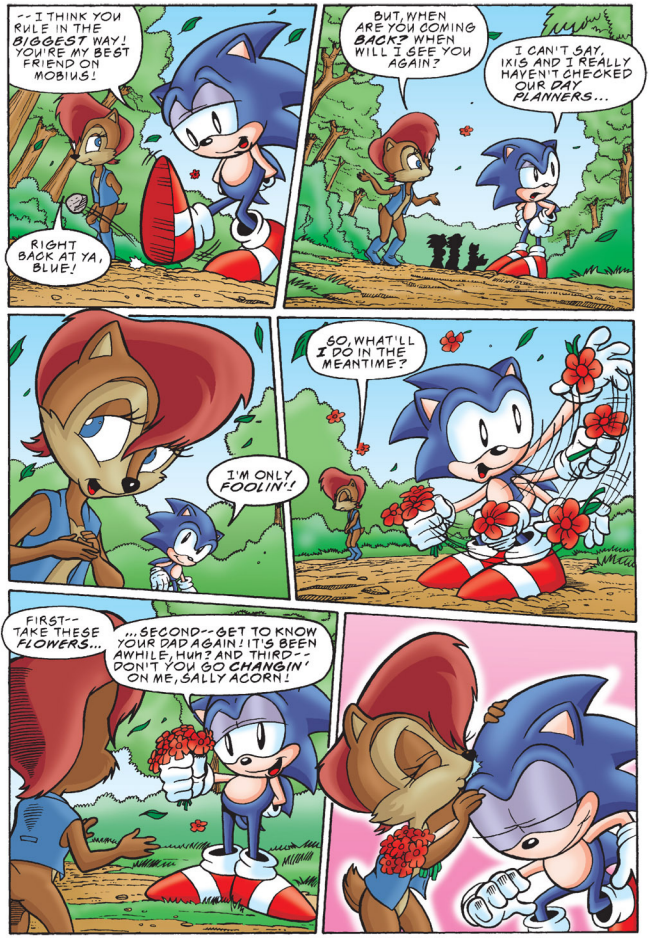

"--I MADE POSITIVE HE WOUND UP WITH EGG ON HIS FACE THAT TIME!
"WHILE THE DOC LICKED HIS WOUNDS...
"...WE USED THE FREE TIME TO TRY AND FIND A CURE FOR THE STRANGE SICKNESS THAT HAD KING ACORN IN ITS GRIP EVER SINCE HE CAME HOME!
"USING A `DREAM DEVICE', I WAS ABLE TO ENTER THE KING'S MIND--
"CAN YOU SAY TAG-TEAM MATCH? ME AND KNUCKLES COULD AFTER EVIL ALTERNATE REALITY VERSIONS OF US MADE THE SCENE.
"--TO CONVINCE HIS CONSCIOUSNESS THAT HE WAS FINALLY FREE OF THE ZONE OF SILENCE!
"FINALLY, I GOT THAT TRIP I WAS BEGGIN' FOR! EXCEPT, IT WAS TO THE JUNGLE, WHERE WE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAD TO STOP ROBOTNIK'S ECODESTROYER FROM TURNING IT INTO A TOSSED SALAD.
"NO ONE WAS READY FOR WHAT HAPPENED NEXT--
"--ROBOTNIK'S ULTIMATE PLAN TO PUT ME OUT OF THE PICTURE ONCE AND FOR ALL--HIS ENDGAME!


"I DIDN'T KNOW IT AT THE TIME, BUT THE DOC USED HIS CRUMMY TECHNOLOGY TO MAKE IT SEEM AS IF I'D MURDERED THE PRINCESS--
"--A BOGUS RAP IF EVER THERE WAS ONE!
"THIS WOULD HAVE ALL MEANT A LIFE SENTENCE FOR YOURS BLUELY, IF NOT FOR A LITTLE HELP FROM A FRIEND--
"--NAMELY BULKY, THE LAST DRAGON ON PLANET MOBIUS!
"I NEVER IMAGINED THAT ALL THESE EVENTS WOULD WIND UP IN ONE FINAL KNOCK-DOWN, DRAG-OUT FIGHT BETWEEN ME AND ROBOTNIK...
"...WITH THE FATE OF THE WORLD IN BALANCE BETWEEN US!
"WHEN ALL WAS SAID AND DONE, I HAD GONE ALL EIGHTEEN ROUNDS AND LIVED TO TELL THE TALE.
"DOCTOR ROBOTNIK--
"--WELL, HE WASN'T SO LUCKY.
"WITH MY NAME CLEARED AND SALLY ALIVE AND WELL, I KNEW THAT MY OWN LUCK HADN'T RUN OUT! THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAD AT LONG LAST LIBERATED MOBOTROPOLIS FOR EVERYONE!
"BUT EVEN WITH THE DOC'S PASSING...
"...I'VE STILL HAD TO FACE RANDOM MENACES APLENTY--


"--LIKE MORE ALTERNATE REALITY ZONES THAT'VE CROPPED UP ALL OVER, GIVING US GLIMPSES INTO OTHER LIVES WE COULD HAVE LED--
"--BRAND NEW HEAVIES, LIKE IXIS NAUGUS, WHO WON'T STOP AT ANYTHING AS THEY ATTEMPT TO TAKE UP ROBUTTNIK'S REIGNS--
"--AND OLD, HIDDEN THREATS WAITING TO COME BACK LIKE DUST SWEPT UNDER THE CARPET!
"LUCKILY, MONKEY KHAN WAS ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS!
"BUT, I KNOW ONE THING--WITH FRIENDS TO AID ME IN THE BATTLE AGAINST POWER-HUNGRY GOONS LIKE MAMMOTH MOGUL...
"... AND WITH KING ACORN FINALLY RESTORED TO HIS FULL HEALTH BY THE SACRED EMBLEMS OF THE REALM--ITS MYSTIC CROWN AND SWORD--MOBOTROPOLIS FINALLY HAS A SHOT AT--
CLUNK
KRACKLE!
SAY, WHAT GIVES?


GANGWAY, EVERYBODY!
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELIN' ABOUT THIS!
KBLOOEY
NOW I'M ALL BUMMED OUT!
SONIC
MAYBE IT'S NOT SO BAD, SONIC!
"HAD THAT HISTORY DEVICE WORKED FOR ROBOTNIK, WE MIGHT NOT EVEN BE HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS ANY OF THIS!"
SNIF SNIFF
Uhh... MOM... DAD...?
WHAT IS IT, SON?


I GUESS I'VE BEEN AVOIDING YOU INSTEAD OF SHOWING YOU -- AW, HECK! I'VE DONE A ZERO JOB SHOWIN' YOU HOW GLAD I AM THAT YOU'RE BOTH ALIVE AND WELL. FOR YEARS I'D THOUGHT YOU WERE... WELL, YOU KNOW...
SON, I'M GLAD TO BE BACK! WHY, YOU ALMOST FORGOT TO PACK YOUR TOOTHBRUSH AND CLEAN SOCKS!
NOW, NOW...
...DON'T NAG THE BOY! HE'S PROVEN HE CAN GET ALONG WITHOUT US JUST FINE!
NO WAY, PADRE! DON'T SAY THAT!
I NEED YOU NOW MORE THAN EVER AND THERE'S NO WAY I'LL LET A TWO-BIT VILLAIN LIKE IKIS NAUGUS STAND IN THE WAY OF OUR HAPPINESS!
Oh, SONIC! YOO-HOO! OVER HERE!
AND...
SO THIS IS IT, Huh? THE BIG MOMENT!
I GUESS IT IS AT THAT! heh! heh! PRINCESS -- SALLY -- I'VE GOTTA SAY SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN ON MY CHEST FOR A LOOOONG TIME NOW!
YEAH?
I--
--I--


--I THINK YOU RULE IN THE BIGGEST WAY! YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND ON MOBIUS!
RIGHT BACK AT YA, BLUE!
BUT, WHEN ARE YOU COMING BACK? WHEN WILL I SEE YOU AGAIN?
I CAN'T SAY, IXIS AND I REALLY HAVEN'T CHECKED OUR DAY PLANNERS...
I'M ONLY FOOLIN'!
SO, WHAT'LL I DO IN THE MEANTIME?
FIRST-- TAKE THESE FLOWERS...
...SECOND--GET TO KNOW YOUR DAD AGAIN! IT'S BEEN AWHILE, HUH? AND THIRD-- DON'T YOU GO CHANGIN' ON ME, SALLY ACORN!

WELCOME TO MOBOTROPOLIS
THIS DAY HERALDS THE START OF A NEW ERA FOR SONIC, HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY.
WINGED Victory
WOW! WHOSE IDEA WAS IT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF MY BI-PLANE TO "WINGED VICTORY"?
OUR NEWLY-FORMED MOBOTROPOLIS COUNCIL CAME TO A DECISION YESTERDAY! YOU'RE A COUNCIL MEMBER! DON'T YOU RECALL?
WELL... I... EH...
LATER!
BY THE WAY, PRINCESS, NOW THAT SONIC'S GONE, WHO'S GOING TO TAKE HIS PLACE ON THE COUNCIL?
DON'T WORRY, ROTOR. SOMEHOW, I THINK WE'LL MANAGE!
THE BEGINNING